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SUBJECT: OPEC ECONOMIC COMMISSION BOARD MEETS IN VIENNA

1. THE OPEC ECONOMIC COMMISSION BOARD (ECB) CONVENED AT HEADQUARTERS IN VIENNA ON FEBRUARY 14 AND IS EXPECTED TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONTINUE MEETING UNTIL THE 18TH. ALTHOUGH THE LOCAL PRESS, CITING "INFORMED SOURCES", REPORTED THAT THE ECB WOULD RECOMMEND ENDING THE TWO TIER PRICING SYSTEM WITH A COMPROMISE INCREASE OF 7.5 PERCENT, OPEC INFORMATION CHIEF ZAHERI, IN A CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, TERMED THOSE REPORTS "RUBBISH, AND DENIED THAT THE ECB WOULD EVEN DISCUSS THE PRICE QUESTION. ACCORDING

TO ZAHERI, THE TOPICS TO BE COVERED BY THE ECB ARE CRUDE OIL DIFFERENTIALS AND PRODUCTION PROGRAMMING. PRICING WOULD COME INTO DISCUSSION ONLY AS IT RELATES TO THESE TWO TOPICS. (FYI. OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE CONFIRMS ZAHERI'S STATEMENT. END FYI)

2. WITH RESPECT TO REPORTS THAT AN EXTRAORDINARY CONFERENCE OF OIL MINISTERS IS IN THE OFFING, ZAHERI REPEATED EARLIER STATEMENTS THAT THE SECRETARIAT HAD RECEIVED NO "OFFICIAL REQUEST" FOR SUCH A MEETING. BUCHANAN

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